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Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

As an American in the last years of the twentieth century I am fully cognizant of the dependence I and my family have on others for everything I need including food. Therefore, I am very concerned about the safety of the food I purchase. I believe that as a consumer I should be fully informed of the products on the market that I am expected to buy. Because of that I believe that I should be informed of any foods for sale that may have been transgenetically altered. Although they may be safe, there is no long term guarantee that this is the case and I object to me and my family being guinea pigs in an experiment that may have slow but long term negative consequences. I object to the F.D.A.'s policy of not requiring transgenetically altered foods from being clearly labelled as such.

I understand that a lawsuit has been filed regarding this matter. I strongly support the aims of this lawsuit. Consumers should be made aware of the genetic alteration of foods with clear and prominent labels. That way they can exercise with their "dollar votes" the type of products that wish to see on the market. I hope that the F.D.A. lives up to its mandate and works to protect the public health of consumers. I trust that you will agree with me and work for the labelling of transgenetically altered foods.

Peace,

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